

## **Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet News Release**

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### **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OPENS RESERVOIRS TO WATER WITHDRAWAL**

*Temporary withdrawal permit excludes use for crop irrigation*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 24, 2007) -- The Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet today announced the Louisville and Huntington (W. Va.) districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will issue permits for the temporary withdrawal of water from 13 USACE-operated reservoirs in Kentucky for uses other than crop irrigation.

Mark Philips, hydraulic engineer, Water Management Team, USACE Louisville District office, said the permits will remain valid until the drought conditions subside or until Aug. 29, 2008.

Dave Meadows, chief, Water Resources Engineering Branch, USACE Huntington District, said the policy will allow USACE to provide drought relief for domestic, municipal and industrial uses as well as agricultural uses excluding crop irrigation and landscape watering.

“There’s a need and we’ve got water,” said Meadows. “The current drought conditions have caused water shortage problems for large and small businesses and communities around the state. This policy was put into place for just such emergencies.”

Meadows added that depending on the nature of the request and the quantities of water involved, the Huntington District may require the user to enter into a contract and pay for the water.

The water withdrawal policy allows the reservoir manager at each lake project to exercise his or her prerogative in approving requests. At the Huntington District lakes (listed below), requests for filling a two-ton water truck can be approved at the project level. Large quantities may require the user to enter into a contract and pay for the water.

Permits issued for the Louisville District lakes (see list below) will allow a maximum withdrawal of 30,000 gallons from its reservoirs. Withdrawals of greater than 30,000 gallons will require the completion and approval of a separate permit.

Local volunteer fire departments may be permitted to fill their pumper/tankers at the Huntington and Louisville district lakes if the water is to be used for firefighting.

The permits prohibit the installation of permanent pumps or other means of permanent conveyance will not be permitted in the lakes in either district.

Bill Caldwell, drought response coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Water, said the USACE temporary water withdrawal program will provide some relief in dry regions.

“With severe to extreme drought conditions throughout most of the state and little rainfall predicted in the coming weeks, many farmers may soon need an alternative drinking water supply source for their animals,” said Caldwell.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Multi-Purpose Flood Control  
Projects in Kentucky**

**Huntington District**

Dewey Lake  
T.C. Music, Project Manager  
H.C. 79, Box 540  
Van Lear, KY 41256  
606-789-4512

Grayson Lake  
Terry Bowden, Project Manager  
50 Launch Ramp Road  
Grayson, KY 41143  
606-474-5815

Fishtrap Lake  
Rodney Holbrook, Project Manager  
2204 Fishtrap Road  
RR 1, Box 501  
Shelbiana, KY 41562  
606-437-7496

Paintsville Lake  
David Jackson, Project Manager  
807 KY 2275  
Staffordsville, KY 41256  
606-297-6312

Yatesville Lake  
Susan Maynard, Project Manager  
KY 1185  
PO Box 1107  
Louisa, KY 41230  
606-686-2412

## **Louisville District**

Barren River Lake  
Kevin Salvilla, Project Manager  
11088 Finney Road  
Glasgow, KY 42141  
270-6464-2055

Buckhorn Lake  
Howard "Dee" Goldman, Project Manager  
804 Buckhorn Dam Road  
Buckhorn, KY 41721  
606-398-7251

Carr Creek Lake  
Willie Whitaker, Project Manager  
843 Sassafras Creek Road  
Sassafras, KY 41759  
606-642-3308

Cave Run Lake  
Anthony Orr, Project Manager  
150 KY 86  
Morehead, KY 40351  
606-784-9750

Green River Lake  
544 Lake Road  
George Williams, Project Manager  
Campbellsville, KY 42718  
270-465-4463

Nolin Lake  
Chris Boggs, Project Manager  
2150 Nolin Dam Road  
Bee Spring, KY 42207  
270-286-4511

Taylorsville Lake  
Keith Richardson, Project Manager  
2825 Overlook Road  
Taylorsville, KY 40071  
502-477-8882

Rough River Lake

Mark Wilmes, Project Manager  
14500 Falls of Rough Road  
Falls of Rough, KY  
270-257-2061